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SUBJECT: UNSYG SPECIAL REP TO CYPRUS GALINDO POHL CALL

ON AMBASSADOR LEONARD, MAY 3

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1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA LATER THE SAME DAY, NEWLY APPOINTED UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO CYPRUS REINALDO GALINDO POHL CALLED ON AMBASSADOR LEONARD MAY 3. IN PREPARATION FOR HIS DUTIES, GALINDO POHL HAS CALLED ON GREEK, TURKISH, CYPRIOT AND BRITISH PERM REPS. HE HAD NOT BEEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUT LEONARD STRONGLY URGED HIM TO GO DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO U.S.; GALINDO POHL ANTICIPATES RETURNING IN A FEW WEEKS (FOR UNFICYP RENEWAL IN MID-JUNE) AFTER TRIPS TO CYPRUS, GREECE AND TURKEY.

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2. LEONARD IMPRESSED UPON GALINDO THE URGENT NATURE OF THE PROBLEM. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PROJECT THE SENSE OF ACTIVITY INTO THE MEDIA AND DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES. IF NOTHING MOVES, THE EMBARGO COULD BE MAINTAINED. THAT WOULD IRRITATE THE TURKS AND TEND TO REDUCE FLEXIBILITY ON THEIR PART. NOTING THAT THE TURKS FEEL THEY HAVE MADE

A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO BE ACCOMMODATING. LEONARD REMARKED THAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS REGARDING TERRITORY SEEM NOT SO BAD. THE TURKS THEMSELVES SUGGEST THESE ARE ONLY OPENING CARDS, AND THE GREEK SIDE IS MAKING A MISTAKE IN REFUSING NEGOTIATIONS ON TERRITORY. GETTING TURKISH FLEXIBILITY REGISTERED IN THE PUBLIC CIRCUIT WOULD HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE THE GREEKS TO NEGOTIATE.

3. LEONARD CITED TURKISH WILLINGNESS TO OPEN UP VAROSHA AS ONE LEVER FOR POSSIBLY PUTTING PRESSURE ON KYPRIANOU. LEONARD UNDERScoreD THE UNREALISM OF EXPECTING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD GO BACK TO VAROSHA WHILE UNDER TURKISH CYPRIOT CONTROL. IF THE TURKS DIDN'T KNOW THAT THEY MUST BE MADE AWARE OF THE FACT. IF THEY DO KNOW, THEY'RE BEING DISHONEST. LEONARD SUGGESTED GALINDO COULD HELP TO CLEAR THE AIR ON SUCH POINTS.

4. LEONARD REFERRED TO THE MILLIYET ARTICLE (REFTTEL) IN WHICH THE TURKS' OFFER WAS DESCRIBED AS REDUCING THE PERCENT OF TERRITORY THEY HOLD ON CYPRUS FROM 40 TO 32 PERCENT, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER 6 PERCENT REDUCTION ENVISIONED. KYPRIANOU COULD PERHAPS NOT RESIST PRESSURE OF GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO SEE THE CHANCE OF RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES, IF THEY WERE CONVINCED THAT WAS A SERIOUS POSSIBILITY.
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5. LEONARD STRESSED THE HIGH PRIORITY THAT USG HAS PUT ON RESOLVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HE PROMISED GALINDO WHATEVER HELP USG COULD GIVE IN HIS DIFFICULT AND THANKLESS JOB. LEONARD SAID THAT USG LOOKED TO WALDHEIM AND GALINDO FOR FINDING A WAY OUT OF THE IMPASSE. HE URGED GALINDO TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN THE CAPITALS, WHO WOULD ALSO BE OF WHATEVER HELP THEY COULD.

6. GALINDO POHL, WHO HAD NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND APPARENTLY NOT VERY MUCH AS YET WITH URQUHART AND SHERRY, SAID THAT HE PREFERRED TO MEET DIRECTLY THOSE CONCERNED BEFORE MAKING ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. HE SAID HE REMEMBERS PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND FEELS THAT KYPRIANOU IS OF THE SAME OBDURATE MOLD AS MAKARIOS' YOUNG

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